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DEVELOPMENT OF ECO CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop seven cities as eco-cities in the country;

(b) if so, the name of these cities and criteria adopted for their selection; and

(c) the measures undertaken for implementation of the National Forestry Action Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The cities of Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Ahmedabadhave been taken up under the eco-cities concept based on population criteria.

(c) The measures taken to implement National Forestry Action Plan include the following:-

(i) States have been asked to increase allocation to forestry sector.

(ii) States have been asked to submit proposals under the various on-going centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry for stepping up allocation during the remaining years of IXth Plan and Xth Plan.

(iii) The states have been requested to prepare project profiles to secure funding from external agencies.

(iv) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Indian Institute of Forest Management and Forest Survey of India have been asked to formulate umbrella projects for external assistance for research, human resource development, survey and demarcation etc.